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I reported last week on an Oklahoma shooting in which the gunman killed two of his relatives and shot three police officers. He fled. On Monday of last week, they caught up to the guy. He was shot multiple times and killed in a gun battle with law enforcement. Earlier in the day, he had shot and wounded another police officer. This guy's crime spree began with the sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl. He left a string of violent crimes in his wake as he crossed the state.

In Des Moines, Iowa, two officers were ambushed and shot in separate incidents – same shooter – while sitting in their squad cars. The guy was removed from a high school football game earlier in the month for holding up a Confederate flag in front of black spectators. Following the shooting, he was taken into custody.

And in New York over the weekend, an officer was shot and killed while his partner was shot and wounded by an assailant who himself was shot dead in the flurry of gunfire.

This sad series of events is far too common on the evening news, both nationally and locally. Remember our own officer involved shooting from last week's



Important Phone Numbers

Ward 6 Office
791-4601

Tucson Police Department
911 or nonemergency
791-6813

Water Issues
791-3242/800-598-9449
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222
TDD: 628-1565

Environmental Services
791-3171

Park Tucson
791-5071

Planning and Development Services
791-5550

Pima Animal Care Center
724-5900

Pima County Vector Control
Cockroaches 724-3401

Continued: A Message From Steve

newsletter. The officer was fortunate to survive a close miss. The nature of law enforcement work is necessarily challenging. I'm grateful to the command staff at TPD for the robust emphasis on community policing we see. I know from talking to several of the officers that they also prefer building relationship out in the community to the alternative.

So far in 2016, nationwide 115 police officers have been killed while in the line of duty. Of those, 16 were ambushed.

On Veteran's Day at the Loft we will be talking about police/civilian contacts – police training, civilian behaviors, all of it will be on the table after the screening of Do Not Resist. If you'd like to see a trailer of the film, just google the title. This is a fundamentally important topic, and I'm pleased to be a part of the discussion.

You can buy tickets online by going to www.loftcinema.org. I hope you can make it and be a part of what should be a productive and informative post-film discussion.

Also at The Loft
A while back, I shared some photos of a 'road trip' I took with the Ward 6 staff to see portions of the

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 5:00PM

PART OF THE 2016 LOFT FILM FEST

PRESENTED BY DESERT DIAMOND CASINOS & ENTERTAINMENT

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10 • LOFT MEMBERS: \$8

Panel discussion following the movie, moderated by Tucson City Councilperson Steve Kozachik and featuring Tucson Police Department Chief of Police Chris Magnus, Tucson NAACP President Doris Snowden, and ACLU of Arizona Executive Director Alessandra Soler

DO NOT RESIST

THE LOFT CINEMA | 3233 E SPEEDWAY BLVD | TUCSON, AZ 85716
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filming of Tombstone Rashomon out at Old Tucson. The film is now complete, and immediately after the screening and panel discussion for Do Not Resist, the Loft will host a special unveiling of Tombstone Roshomon. It's being shown as a part of the Loft Film Festival.

Many of you know my passion for bringing the film industry back to Southern Arizona. This is an example of what can be done, using lots of local talent, local venues, and plowing money back into the local economy.

Director Alex Cox will be at the Loft for the screening. While you're busy googling the Do Not Resist trailer, also google Alex. His body of work will amaze you. He'll be receiving an award on the 11th as a part of the Loft event.

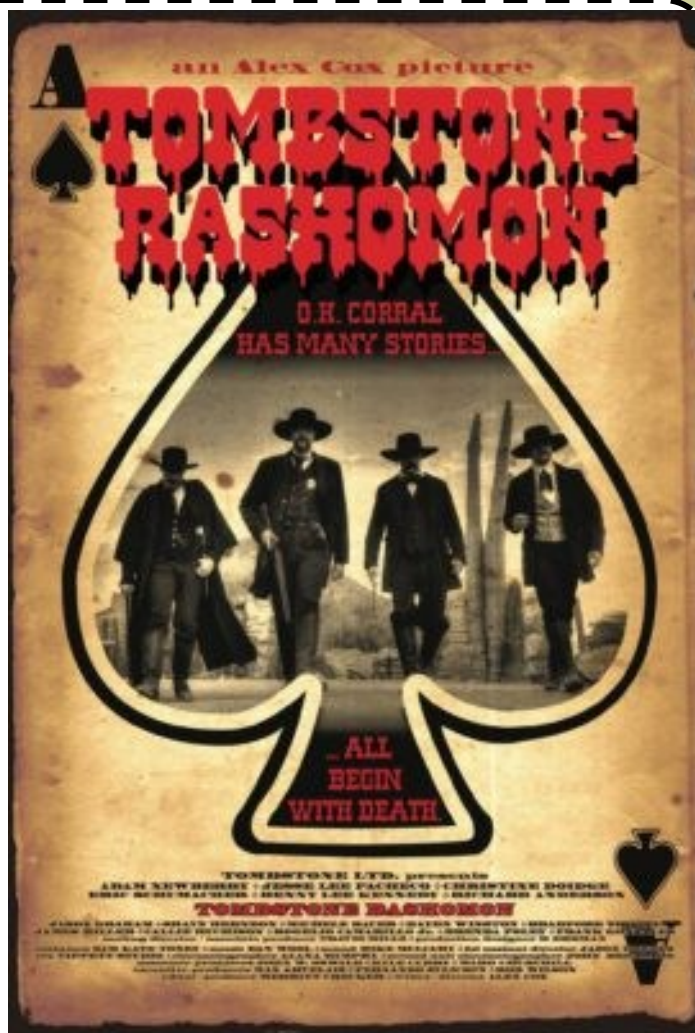


The storyline of Tombstone Roshomon is the OK Corral shootout, told from the perspective of six different participants. You'll be entertained – and you'll be supporting the local film crew, as well as the Loft. Because of that, the screening is this week's **Local Tucson** item. Make an evening of the 11th at the Loft. Two interesting shows and two interesting discussions afterwards – <https://loftfilmfest.org/film/tombstone-rashomon/>.

Continuing on the film item, October was another successful month for the Film Office over at Visit Tucson. Total in direct spending in the local market was just under \$1M combined.

Jeep produced a national commercial featuring locations in Tucson Mountain Park and at a private residence out in the Tucson Mountain foothills. In addition, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce shot an ad, and Chase Bank is right now in negotiations to come and film another one. The Reality TV series For My Man is in the middle of a local shoot, too.

The TenWest Festival took place for its second year along the streetcar corridor. This year they had Shelli Hall present on a panel that discussed investing in Tucson film. The Desert Angels are a part of the TenWest festival. Desert Angels helps start-ups with seed money, so we're all hoping some local film talent will grab onto her message and get local funding to shoot a film and continue rebuilding our local crew talent pool.



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542
Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

Downtown Now Event

It was great to see such a huge turnout last Thursday evening at the TCC for the Downtown Now event. It was sponsored jointly by the Downtown Tucson Partnership and Rio Nuevo. Actually, those are two important legs of the stool. Without the city having stepped up its game in the last six to seven years, the resurgence would have been much different.

So, to that end, let me thank both Ann Charles and Diana Amado from my staff for joining my bride and me at the event to celebrate our successes. Also from the city I saw Nicole Ewing-Gavin, Elaine Becherer, Ryan Anderson, and Camilla Bekat. Shirley Scott made the trip in from the east side to show her support, as well.

Nearby neighborhoods often get a bad rap during development processes, but also supporting the event were Dr. Ron Spark, Mik White, Colby Henley, and John Burr, all from nearby neighborhoods and each in positions of leadership.

It was timely to also see a progress update from Jonathan on the day of the event. Here's just a portion of what he reported via email from an economic development standpoint – progress we've achieved through teamwork:

- Caterpillar
- Comcast
- Home Goods
- World View
- Cirrus Visual
- Gibson – Downtown Market
- Mainstreet
- Wildcat House
- Arizona Hotel
- Riverpark Inn
- One West Broadway
- One East Broadway
- Creative Machines
- Banner UMC
- TMC
- Mainstreet Health Care

...and there was plenty more.

Some of the 'more' was represented at the Downtown Now event. Adam Wienstein and Jerry Dixon spoke about their successes on the west side. I've been a thorn in their sides for a few years in evaluating the city's development agreement with Gadsden, but I fully supported the recent final step in putting their development agreement together and am hopeful their work on the west side will move ahead smoothly. Others who are active downtown were asked to share their successes during the event. Scott Stiteler, Rob Paulus, Anne Lawrence, Ron Schwabe, the Roadrunners, Bourn Partners, the folks from El Rio Health Center, Art Wadlund, El Charro Steakhouse, El Tour de Tucson, HSL Properties, SMG – our managing partner at the TCC – and Craig Sumberg, who runs the Fox, were a few.

The Rio Board was well represented by Fletcher McCusker, Jannie Cox, Mark Irvin, and Edmund Marquez. Lucinda Smedley, who authors The Trend Report, a periodic update on economic development, was there to join in the celebration. Michael Keith, previous DTP CEO, was there to share in what is arguably much of his work. He was joined by current DTP head Kathleen Erickson and board member Randi Dorman.

Also in the crowd were Jim Hannley from Bank of Tucson, Ross Rulney, who has several downtown projects in play on the Julian Drew block, Tommy Roof, a contractor active in the downtown core, and Tannya Gaxiola from the UA, which is also an active player downtown.

A few years ago an event like this wouldn't have been possible. Kudos to those who brought us all together. A nice touch next time might be to include the important third leg of the stool – some of us who work from the public sector side to bring incentives to the table, help with permitting and plan review, and the other necessary components of how teams operate together.

Cyclovia Wrap

Another event held in Ward 6 last week which involved plenty of partners was the fall Cyclovia. Thanks to the hard work of Living Streets Alliance, over 33,000 people enjoyed a morning and midday of biking, running, and walking along a 2.25 mile route. That's the most they've ever had in a single event.

The route traversed three of our midtown neighborhoods: Miramonte (where the Ward office is located), Palo Verde, and the Garden District. Even though it's a fun event for thousands, it's still a bit of an inconvenience to some. So for that we say 'thanks' to the host neighborhoods who took that on.

As was true of the downtown resurgence, plenty of businesses, non-profits and churches were also involved in the heavy lifting. Those included the following:

EL RANCHO CENTER
THE TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDENS
THE STONEWALL FOUNDATION
PIMA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PIMA COUNTY CLEAN AIR PROGRAM
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GROUP
TECHNICIANS FOR SUSTAINABILITY
EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
ELEMENTS CITY CHURCH
ST. MARK'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WHOLE FOODS MARKET
BOOKMANS SPORTS EXCHANGE
PERFORMANCE BICYCLE

No serious injuries reported – just a lot of people out getting some exercise and enjoying the community-building. The spring route is being finalized, so stay tuned for that, but you don't need to wait until spring to continue enjoying our outdoors and giving your body some activity.

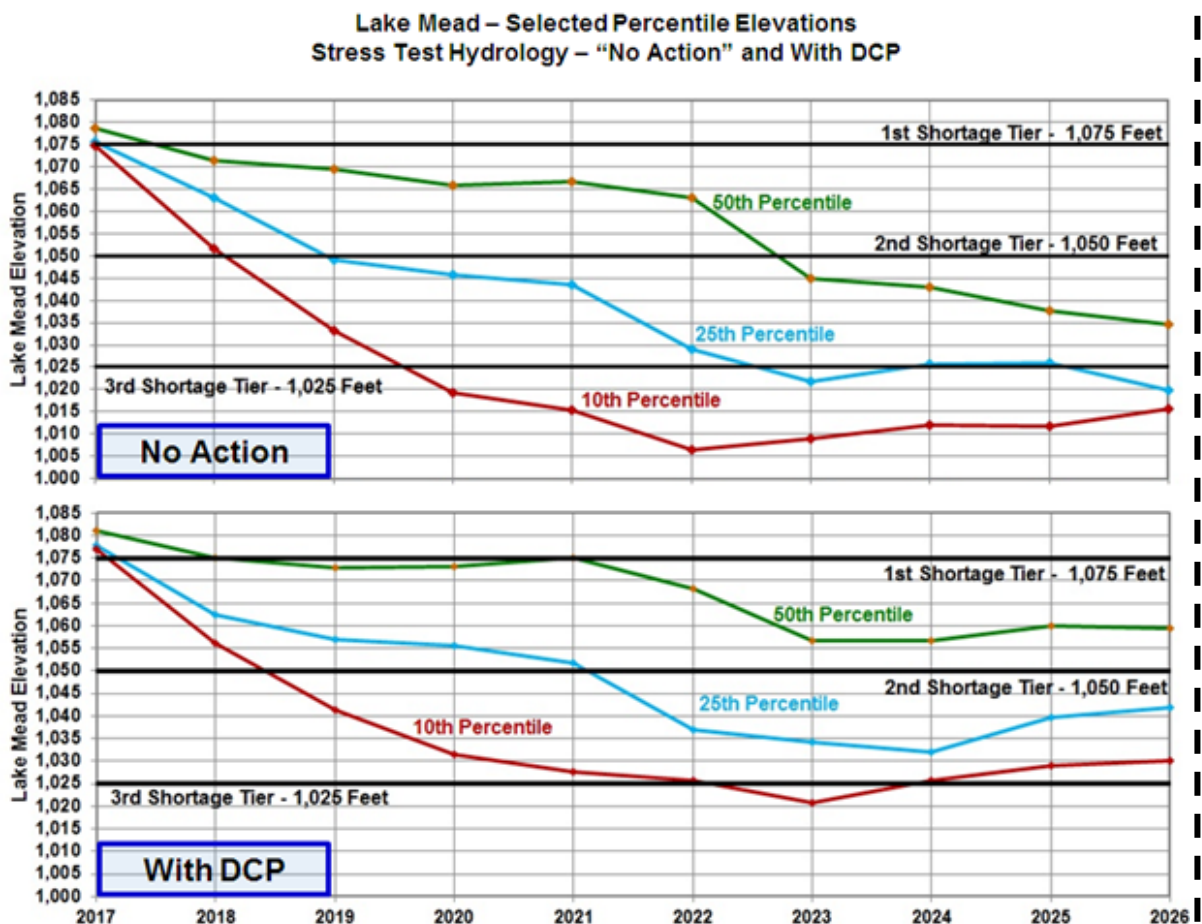


Protect Lake Mead

Each year the city has an entitlement to purchase up to 144,000 acre feet of CAP water. Every year since I've been on the council, we have done that. We use most of it to provide for community needs, and we store the rest for when we don't have enough rainy days. This M&C has been an excellent water steward.

On Wednesday, we will be asked to reduce our CAP purchase for this year. Unless some startling new information comes forward, I will be supporting that request. Note the header for this section. By our leaving water on Lake Mead, we help delay the declaration of a shortage. As I've written in the past, when a shortage is declared allocations to users are reduced. Under the current "law of the River," Arizona's allocation would initially be reduced by over 11%.

We're considering an additional voluntary reduction as a part of the multi-state strategy that's being negotiated to protect the Lake in the long term, and by extension, to protect in the long term our allocations coming off the Colorado River. That negotiated strategy is called the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP). I've shared this series of charts before – they show the likelihood of a shortage being declared both with and without the DCP being put into place:

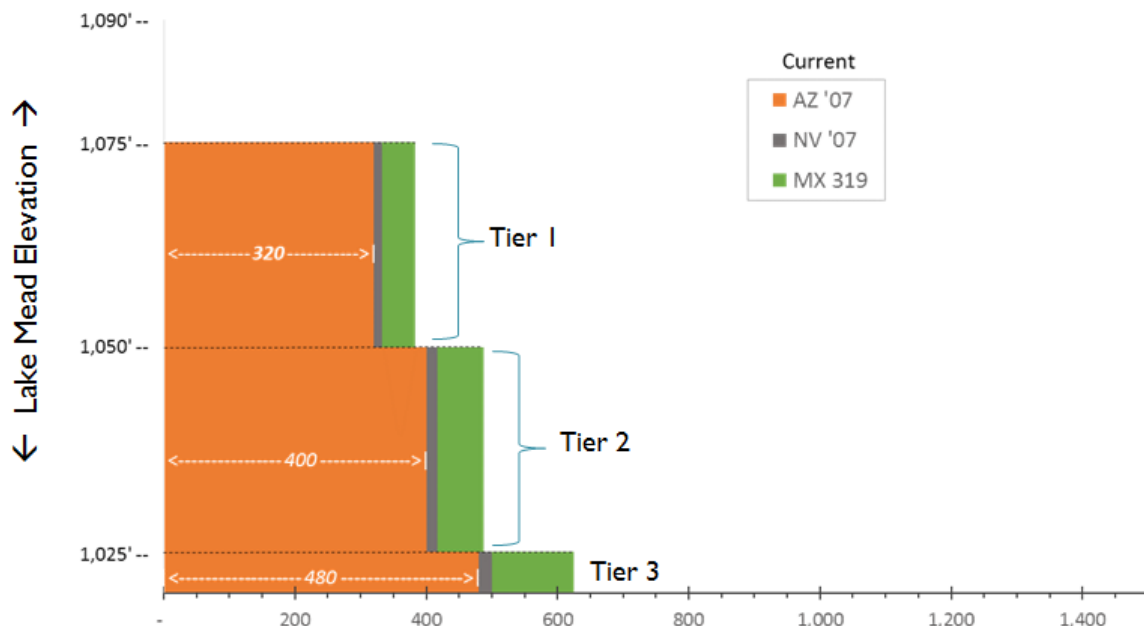


The bottom line in what the charts are showing is that without a DCP, we stand a 50% chance of having a Tier 2 shortage declared within the next decade. With that level of

shortage, downstream users suffer cutbacks of even greater amounts than our initial 11%. With the DCP, that vulnerability drops to 10%. Leaving some of our water on Lake Mead is a preventative measure that benefits many millions of water users over the long term. It also benefits electric rate payers. Hoover Dam is a power generator for the region. As water levels there diminish, its power generating efficiency also declines. That means price increases to users.

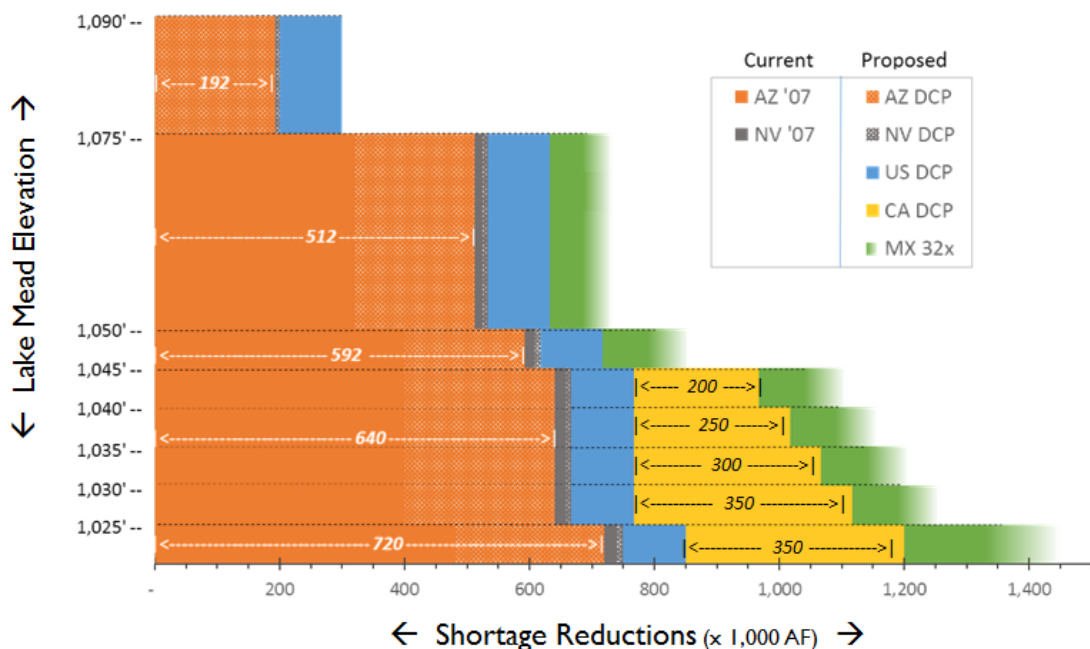
Another benefit of our negotiating a DCP is getting California to take part in leaving some water on the River. Right now, California is exempt from any reductions in allocations until the Lake gets so low that the Feds step in and take control of the Colorado. This chart shows who's currently involved in sharing a shortage declaration. Note the absence of California.

Current Shortage Sharing, by Lake Mead Elevation and State/Country



And the chart below shows who's involved in sharing in the reductions in delivery once the DCP is finalized. California becomes a player.

Potential Shortage Sharing and Protection Actions, by Lake Mead Elevation and State/Country



In the best of times, we would continue to take our full CAP allotment. In the best of times, we wouldn't need to be negotiating a drought plan. But we're in the midst of a 14 year drought, so it's my belief that taking this step, along with continued work with our regional partners, is both necessary and responsible. To do otherwise would be irresponsible long term water security management.

We'll save about \$5M from the combination of our not buying our CAP allotment and from Phoenix also paying us to store some of theirs this year. We'll be recharging their water into our aquifer, so we will have it for our use if we ever need it. With the \$5M, we'll have some liquid cash to invest in recharge basins and other Tucson Water infrastructure needs.

I love this graphic. It was shared at the recent Southern Arizona Water User Association forum. It's where we are locally, regionally, and internationally. The value of the DCP is that we'll see a shared



We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one.

— Jacques Yves Cousteau —

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sacrifice amongst Arizona, Nevada, and California, added conservation measures beyond what's now required by law, and some added protection for Tucson water users.

Recognizing the importance of this whole issue, the CAP itself kicked off the Protect Lake Mead campaign in September. It's a public awareness campaign that you can find at www.protectlakemead.com. The site has plenty of information and graphics, and it would serve as a wonderful lesson plan for any local teacher at pretty much any grade level. Lake Mead is the largest reservoir in the country, but is only barely over a third full. It's within four feet of dropping to the level at which a shortage will be declared, and if Hoover Dam's water level falls below 950', it will no longer be able to produce electricity.

The Drought Contingency Plan negotiations and our small part of leaving a portion of our allocation on the Lake are not academic exercises. This is real stuff that has the potential to affect lives in innumerable ways if we fail to lead. How many lives?



Setting aside the issue of water levels in the reservoir, over-pumping of groundwater has caused aquifers along the river basin to decline as well. As I've noted before, the region is

at a structural deficit when it comes to water use, and Lake Mead is the picture postcard of the effects.

The Feds have kicked in about \$16M since 2014 to start some creative water saving programs such as removing grass from a golf course in the Mojave Desert. (We need a golf course in Needles?) They're still working on Federal legislation aimed at clarifying who can take water off the Lake during a shortage.

Okay, that's a long-winded way of explaining why I'm very likely to support not taking our full allotment of CAP water this year. It's the bigger picture of future water security for a region. If we each just continue to cling to what we can legally do, we will all lose in the very not-too-distant future.

A Different Kind of Reservoir – Air Power

Earlier this year I began asking to see the reports from the consultant we're funding through a three-way agreement with the county and DM50. Each group is supposed to be paying \$60K annually for a three-year deal. During that time, the consultant is to be advocating for DM through, one would assume, meetings with D.C. and Department of Defense brass, making the case for keeping the base open if another round of closures begins. It's great to be out ahead of any of those talks. Having DM as a vibrant member of the community is a key piece of our economic success.

Last week we were sent this month's update on the consultant's work. Here it is:

The Partnership of S'relli Consulting, LLC and Mr. Fred Pease

Eugene D. Santarelli, Lieutenant General (Retired)

Gerald F. "Fred" Pease, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Retired)

E-mail: gsrelli@aol.com; fkpz@gmail.com

Monthly report to the Joint Steering Committee, October 28, 2016.

A key part of our strategy to maintain and increase missions at Davis Monthan AFB is to demonstrate the value within the community of all DM mission areas

America's Air Power Reservoir – a one-of-a kind, vitally important national security facility right here in Tucson

One of the most important anchor elements of Davis-Monthan AFB is the facility known around the world as the "Boneyard." However, this major industrial facility is far more than just a place "where airplanes go to die." In reality, this largest long-term storage facility in the world would be more accurately described as "America's Air Power Reservoir."

Operated by the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG) it is a key element of Air Force logistics efforts around the world. Its history dates back to 1946 and was established at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to store excess WWII military aircraft. The location was chosen because of Tucson's low humidity, hard soil and reduced potential for corrosion. AMARG currently represents a "reservoir" enterprise valued at \$34B for the US Government.

Although it is known for storage and disposal on its 2,600 acre area and 500,000+ square feet of industrial space on DM, in reality AMARG's nearly 600 employees do much more than that. They reclaim and refurbish parts, modify, upgrade and regenerate major aircraft elements such as wings, radios and modify and regenerate entire aircraft. Some of these complicated processes are normally performed by other large Air Force and DoD industrial facilities across the US.

In addition to its well-known role in hosting 40,000+ tourist visitors a year and serving as a background for television and movie productions, AMARG also hosts less well known visitors. As a critical element of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), AMARG hosts up to two inspections per year by Russian inspectors who verify elements of START associated with the 12 B-52H bombers, subject to START, residing at the AMARG facility.

Other examples of AMARG efforts in the recent past include: reclamation of about 6000 critical parts per year for DoD and other government agencies; A-10 radio upgrades; extensive repair, normally performed by other depots, on C-130 wing sets; regeneration of F-16s to be used as unmanned targets for DoD wide testing; regeneration of the B-52H known as "Ghost Rider" to replace an active B-52 destroyed in a fire; modification of 12 B-52Hs, making the aircraft non-nuclear capable to comply with START requirements; regeneration of two C-130s for US Government sale to the Philippines to address that nation's rescue and recovery aircraft needs; regeneration of 23 US Marine Corps F-18s; regeneration of nine C-27 to equip the US Coast Guard; regeneration of nine US Forest Service C-23C aircraft, doubling their capability.

In addition to their multifaceted mission, AMARG is also a significant partner in the greater Tucson area working to recruit from local educational institutions and interacting closely with local business and civic groups. Tucsonans can be proud of our 600 neighbors who work at AMARG. They have enhanced the reputation of their facility, making the term "boneyard" obsolete. We need to recognize that AMARG is "America's Air Power Reservoir", allowing our nation to adjust to security threats and fiscal realities. It is one of the pillars of the reputation that our city enjoys as a critical center of US national security efforts.

My belief is that it's not worth our paying somebody \$180K annually over 3 years to tell us the boneyard is an asset to the base. We know that. The purpose of reporting to us is to let us know what he's doing to earn the money. Earn taxpayer money.

This information came from a July 29th DM50 report that was sent to the county.

The consultants' operational efficiency message continues to resonate positively with military leaders in Washington, D.C. Air Force briefings to Congress demonstrate that proximity to training space for fighter aircraft is a major factor in basing decisions. (The Barry Goldwater range is only 40 miles and 7-8 minutes of flying time away from DMAFB). This proximity to BMGR creates significant

operational cost efficiencies on an annual basis.

Consultants began a dialogue with contacts in the Air Staff to learn training requirement attributes envisioned for any new aircraft that could operate in the airspace over Southern Arizona. Even though Arizona has some of the best military training airspace in the nation, the Air Force will look to improve airspace availability for new future missions in concert and coordination with FAA airspace requirements for commercial airline traffic.

Okay, that's the sort of strategic information we should be gathering if we're going to keep DM operating through a base closure exercise. Credit to DM50 for sharing that piece of work.

But then, this:

With Air Force basing scoring metrics indicating that airspace, weather, and base capacity constitute 85% of the basing score decision for fighter aircraft, no one should wonder why the Air Force continues to look to Davis-Monthan and the Southern Arizona region for future USAF flying missions.

If 85% of the decision to keep a base open is grounded in airspace, weather, and base capacity, why are we and our partners paying a combined half a million dollars plus to a consultant to send the message that we check all three of those boxes?

I'm going to continue supporting our regional approach to keeping DM open, but I'm also going to continue pushing to make sure the taxpayers are getting their money's worth in lobbying to achieve that end. Based on the reports I've seen so far – most of which you've seen in this newsletter – I'm not sure I could say the work is worth the cost.

There's a group that meets at the Ward 6 office monthly whose purpose is to connect the base with the public. The Military Community Relations Committee (MCRC) will be meeting in our building on Wednesday, November 16th at 6:00 pm. At the next meeting, the DM CFO, Lt. Col. Huffman, will be on hand to answer questions related to the economic impact analysis they produced. They run orderly meetings so if you'd like to ask a question, please email the MCRC chair, Alice Roe, in advance at alicer@dakotacom.net, or the DM PIO Nicole Dalrymple at Nicole.dalrymple@dm.af.mil. Lt. Col. Huffman will be bringing copies of their latest analysis for anyone in attendance to view.

By way of reminder, the DM50 is organizing a community wide 'support the base' effort for this Thursday – the day before Veteran's Day. They encourage us all to wear 'the colors' (RWB) on Thursday and to send by social media tweets, pictures, or stories of support. If you've got some to share, send them to twitter #SupportOurBase. All of the school districts are working on this campaign, and base commander Col. Campbell has agreed to select the top three schools that show their support and personally visit them to recognize their work.

DM is a critical component of our community. So is being transparent with how your money is being spent. They're not mutually exclusive.



More Taxpayer Information

Two years ago the state changed the law on how sales taxes can be collected. Previously, we collected our own. The state felt they could do a better job, so they adopted a law that says they'll collect local taxes from businesses and send us our portion.

As luck would have it, they weren't able to do the work. The State Department of Revenue was unprepared for the workload, its software wasn't up to snuff, and so we were told us to just keep doing what we had been doing all along until they got their act together. Well, they now think they do. Not to worry if they don't, though – it's only a major share of our budget that's vulnerable if they mess things up.

Beginning on January 1st, businesses are no longer to remit their taxes to the city. Send them to the state. **BUT MAKE SURE YOU MARK THE PAYMENT "TU" SO THEY KNOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO COME BACK TO US AND NOT INTO THEIR GENERAL FUND.**

The state revenue division has been sending out letters and offering classes, and our city revenue people have been, too. My concern is that regardless of everyone's best efforts, mistakes will be made and the city will be missing out on money we are due as a result of the private sector gains we've been seeing. Scroll back up to the Downtown Now section – there's a lot at stake.

If you have any questions at all about how you're supposed to be paying your sales tax, please contact our finance people and they'll walk you through the process. Joel Peterson at Joel.Peterson@tucsonaz.gov knows the ins and outs of what's coming.



2016 Sonoran Wreath Festival

If that doesn't put you in the Christmas mood, maybe this will. The Arizona History Museum folks are holding a wreath festival. Their exhibit opened on Friday, but will be up through November 18th. On the 18th, they'll host a family-friendly evening (5:00 pm until 7:30 pm) when they'll announce the winners. We (actually Caroline and Ann from the office) submitted some entries.

If you'd like to attend the event on the 18th, please call (617.1143) or email (ahstucson@azhs.gov), and they'll reserve your spot. You do not have to have submitted an entry in order to take part in the party. They're located at 949 E. 2nd, just west of Park.

I think Caroline is going to win a prize. Go and cheer her on.

Before I Die

Caroline's wreath had a Dia de los Muertos theme. In that spirit, remember to head over to 4th Avenue this month and take part in our citywide 'Before I Die' statement. Casa de la Luz is joining the Fourth Avenue Merchants in offering this interactive art piece. Alison and I went down and put our statements on the boards. There's room left, so go and check out what others have shared.



Prescription Meds and Kids

Last week, the Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatrics issued a study that analyzed data related to the hospitalization of children and young adults. The study looked at data from 1997 through 2012. It reported a clear uptick in kids getting access to prescription medications. Largely, it happens in the home – and it's largely preventable if parents are more cautious in how they store the medications.

We read a lot about opioid addictions and the over-prescription of pain killers. The study indicated that enough of these drugs are prescribed that every household in the country could have a bottle of them. During the time of the study, the number of kids hospitalized from opioid poisoning more than doubled.

TPD has a very useful set of educational pieces that address the abuse of all sorts of drugs. The flyer on the next page, for instance, contains some very good information you might want to read through. It could prevent a tragic incident from occurring in your own home.

I'm grateful to Lieutenant James Scott for sharing this information. He and I worked

together to bring the Spice item to M&C last month. His work in schools and out in the community is another great example of the community policing we're seeing more and more of under the leadership of Chief Magnus.



Action 1

Three Steps to Safeguard Your Home

Make sure the teens in your life don't have access to your medicine. Find out how to monitor, secure and properly dispose of unused and expired prescription (Rx) and over-the-counter (OTC) cough medicine in your home.

STEP 1: MONITOR

How aware are you of the quantities that are currently in your home?

- Start by taking note of how many pills are in each of your prescription bottles or pill packets and keep track of your refills.
- If your teen has been prescribed a medicine, be sure you control the medicine, and monitor dosages and refills.
- Make sure your friends and relatives — especially grandparents — are also aware of the risks. Encourage them to regularly monitor their own medicines.

STEP 2: SECURE

- Take prescription medicine out of the medicine cabinet and secure them in a place only you know about.
- If possible, keep all medicines, both prescription and over-the-counter, in a safe place, such as a locked cabinet your teen cannot access.
- Tell relatives, especially grandparents, to lock up their medicine or keep them in a safe place.

STEP 3: DISPOSE

- Take an inventory of all of the medicine in your home. Start by discarding expired or unused Rx and OTC medicine when your teens are not home.
- Teenagers will retrieve discarded prescription medicine from the trash. To help prevent this from happening, mix the medicine with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter.
- Do not flush medicine down the toilet or sink drain.
- To help prevent unauthorized refills and protect your family's privacy, remove any personal, identifiable information from prescription bottles or pill packages before you throw them away.
- Learn more about safeguarding and disposing of medicine at MedicineAbuseProject.org and find a medicine take-back location near you at DUMPTHEDRUGSAZ.ORG.

If you are affiliated with a school or youth group and you'd like me to help facilitate a presentation on these and other sorts of dangers that exist in kids' homes, feel free to

contact us at the Ward 6 office (791.4601) and we'll see how to get that arranged.

The signs and symptoms of prescription medicine abuse depend on the particular drug. Because of their mind-altering properties, the most commonly abused prescription drugs are: opioid painkillers, anti-anxiety medications/sedatives, and stimulants.

Pain Reliever Abuse (Opioid painkillers-used to treat pain)	Depressant Abuse (Anti-anxiety medication and sedatives)	Stimulant Abuse (Used to treat ADHD and certain sleep disorders)
Depression Low blood pressure Decreased breathing rate Confusion Sweating Constricted pupils	Drowsiness Confusion Poor judgment Dizziness Slurred speech Respiratory depression	Weight loss, Agitation, Irritability, Insomnia, High blood pressure, Irregular heartbeat, Anxiety, Impulsive behavior

Dave Fitzsimmons Column

I got in a bit of lukewarm water last year for sharing comic strips without paying the author. I thought giving them some pub in a free newsletter would be something they'd appreciate. Well...not so much.

To his great credit, local folk-somethingorother-cartoonist guru Dave Fitzsimmons has given me permission to use his column from last Saturday. Even though he wrote it, I'm supposed to credit the Arizona Daily Star – so I am.

This piece really struck a chord with me and in case you missed it, I wanted to share it with you as a closing thought. We've just gone through a real ugly political season. This column spoke to me of the unity we should be striving for as a community and as a nation.

When I was born, the only thing orbiting the Earth was the moon. Back then, my childhood perceptions of others were shaped by our Magnavox. I thought Bill Dana's Jose Jimenez character on the Ed Sullivan show was hilarious. So slow and gullible. And Speedy Gonzales? He was a scream.

I learned all about Native Americans watching my favorite indigenous American, Tonto.

Charlie Chan was my favorite, a brilliant detective who spoke like a toddler.

In contrast with the black and white world of TV, I'd hop on my Schwinn and head off to play with the kids of black, Asian and Latino enlisted families on the base where I grew up, giving our differences no thought. And by 1957, Sputnik was orbiting the Earth.

In 1959, Hank Oyama, a Japanese-American teacher at Pueblo High School, and Mary Ann Jordan fell deeply in love. Look at their faces and you can see the love. The clerk of Pima County Superior Court refused their application because marriage "of a person of Caucasian blood with a Negro, Mongolian, Malay or Hindu" was a crime. True love went to court and the law was declared unconstitutional. The ruling was appealed. Finally, the barbaric law was repealed by the Legislature. Hank married Mary Ann, and they did not

part until Mary Ann's death in 1987.

The first black face I saw on TV was Al Jolson in an old movie wearing minstrel blackface. Dad loved "Amos and Andy." And mom loved Sidney Poitier. "He's such a nice colored man. He built that chapel in the desert for those nuns." That was the film "Lilies of the Field" in '63.

Five years earlier, in 1958, a young couple from Virginia married in Washington, D.C.

Mildred Jeter married a construction worker named Richard Loving. He adored Mildred, a lovely, soft-spoken young woman. When Mr. and Mrs. Loving returned home to Virginia they were rousted out of their home like common criminals and thrown in the local slammer. Virginia's law forbade marriage between blacks and whites.

The sentencing judge told them, "Almighty God created the races white, black, yellow, Malay and red, and he placed them on separate continents. ... The fact that he separated the races shows that he did not intend for the races to mix."

In 1967, the same year I saw "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" with my mom and dad, the Supreme Court heard the case of Loving versus Virginia. Richard told their ACLU attorney, when asked if there was anything he wanted him to tell the Supreme Court of the United States, "Tell them I love my wife." That year the Supreme Court unanimously struck down the ban on interracial marriage. I was 13 then.

Here it is 2016 and thousands of objects orbit our world.

Mr. and Mrs. Bihms, my daughter and her husband, live in Phoenix. Joe's an internet-age warrior, fighting hackers for Bechtel. She's an amazing teacher. In a recent phone conversation, Sarah casually mentioned that she and my utterly lovable son-in-law and their beautiful daughter, Emma, were dining out when a white couple in the next booth loudly grumbled that "mixed marriages are disgusting."

"We ignored them. We just sent love their way. What can you do?" Sarah said.

This week, my daughter gave birth to my first grandson. Black hair. Beautiful eyes. His name is Cassius. It's an ancient Roman name. And the name of a great American hero.

I asked Sarah, "What's his middle name?"

"Grey."

"Cassius Grey. Why Grey?"

"The blending of black and white. Get it? Wait till you see him. He's just darling."

I wish Richard and Mildred and Hank and MaryAnn and thousands of other lovers whose deep bond was stronger than hate and ignorance could see my beautiful

grandson.

Cassius, I hope they'll save this column and share it with you when you're a young man. The deep love that produced you is wondrous and strong. With your beautiful American heritage, and that name, I'd advise you to learn the wise words of Muhammad Ali. "I know where I'm going and I know the truth, and I don't have to be what you want me to be. I'm free to be what I want."

Sincerely,



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Events and Entertainment

Banner University Medical Center Construction Alert

Night work will occur throughout November at the Banner UMC construction site. Concrete deck pours begin at 11 pm ending at 4 am on the following dates: November 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 29 & 30th. On Saturday, November 19 or 26, 2016, Crane #2 will be dismantled and moved and reassembled, this will impact Adams Street from 8 am to 5 pm.

Family Festival in the Park

Saturday, November 19, 2016 | 10 am – 2 pm

Reid Park, 22nd St & Country Club

Cigna and Tucson Parks and Recreation are proud to present the 11th annual Family Festival in the Park. There will be games, prizes, face painting, crafts, inflatables, tennis, disc golf, and class demonstrations. Reid Park Zoo will have free admission, and the Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center will host an afternoon of free swimming with an inflatable obstacle course from noon to 4 p.m. Tucson City Golf will offer free 10-minute golf instruction at the Randolph Driving Range. Please bring donations of canned goods to the festival to benefit the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

National Parks Fee-Free Day

Friday, November 11, 2016

Enjoy free admission to our national parks on Veterans Day, which, in the Tucson area, includes Saguaro National Park's two districts: East-Rincon Mountain District and West-Tucson Mountain District, and also Tumacacori National Historical Park, and Casa Grande Ruins National Monument. www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm

Ongoing

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way | www.tucsonbotanical.org

"Frida Kahlo: Art, Garden, Life" Exhibit, October 10, 2016 – May 31, 2017

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave | www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd | www.uamineralmuseum.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave | www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St | www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St | hotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St | www.rialtotheatre.com

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd | www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave | www.arizonatheatre.org

The Rogue Theatre, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | www.theroguetheatre.org

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave | www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church St | tucsonconventioncenter.com

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St | www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too! Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

Mission Garden, 929 W Mission Ln | www.tucsonbirthplace.org

A living agricultural museum and ethnobotanical garden at the site of Tucson's Birthplace (the foot of "A-Mountain"). For guided tours call 520-777-9270.

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave | www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

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